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RESEARCH MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE FOR COIR SECTOR
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Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a): whether there had been any proposal from the Government of Kerala for establishing a Research and Management Institute for strengthening the R&D activities in the coir sector;

(b): if so, the details thereof; and

(c): the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES & AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The memorandum submitted by the government of Kerala envisages establishing a Research and Management Institute, exclusively for the coir sector, at a total cost of Rs. 1500 lakhs. As per their proposal, 75% of cost on the establishment of the institute is to be met by the government of India and the balance 25% by Government of Kerala.

(c): Since two established research institutes viz. Central Coir Research Institute at Kalavoor (Alleppey) and Central Institute of Coir Technology at Bangalore are already carrying out fundamental and technological R&D activities covering different facets of the industry right from the extraction of the fibre to the finishing operations of coir products, there does not appear to be any need to set up another research Institute for the same purpose.